

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Average

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 92.

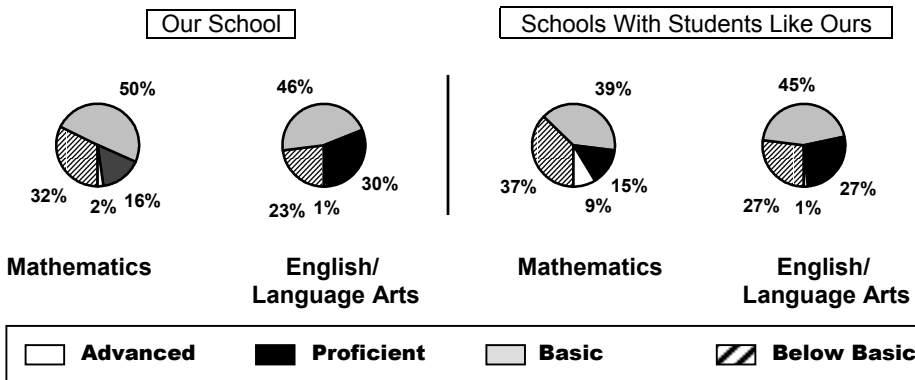
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=87)</b>	77	67.8	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=84)	76.2	69		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=45)	71.1	60		
Female (n=42)	83.3	76.2		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=35)	65.7	57.1		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=52)	84.6	75		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=54)	68.5	57.4		
Pay for lunch (n=33)	90.9	84.8		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,815	N/A	\$5,417	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	88.7%	Down from 90.6%	90.2%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	10.5 to 1	N/A	18.4 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=177)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	96.1%	Down from 97.8%	96.1%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	1.1%	N/A	4.9%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	3.4%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	97.1%	Up from 94.7%	96.8%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	7.7%	Down from 8.6%	4%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=17)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5 Days	Down from 7.2	7.3 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	93.3%	Down from 93.9%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	41.2%	Down from 50%	45.1%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	94.1%	Down from 100%	83.9%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	Down from 6.3%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.5%	Up from 90.3%	87.5%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,414	Up 5.8%	\$36,883	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	61.2%	N/A	65.7%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	3	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	95.1%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	44.3%	Up from 19.6%	49.1%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	6.2%	Up from 3.2%	1.4%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	1	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	6.6%	Up from 1.1%	9.6%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	1.4%	Down from 3.3%	8.5%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Brunson Elementary School has had a banner year. Our students performed well academically and artistically. 23% of our sixth graders received the President's Educational Excellence Award. Our students also won numerous art and essay contests during the year. Our sixth grade art students were honored with an invitation to paint murals on the walls of a local restaurant. Six of our fourth, fifth, and sixth graders will have their essays published in the Salkehatchie Literary Magazine. We instituted monthly reading themes and Scholastic Reading Counts. Our students became excited about reading and read 2,601 Scholastic Reading Counts books.

91% of our fifth and sixth graders participated in service learning projects. Many helped the science department work on our Carolina Fence Garden and landscaping around the front of the school. This area will be an invaluable teaching tool for all of our classes.

Evening classes in computer literacy were offered to adults in our new computer lab, which has proven to be an asset not only to our students, but the community as well.

Our staff worked hard this year also. Many attended workshops on the state standards and drew up new lesson planning forms to help in incorporating the standards in every lesson. One teacher completed his M.Ed. and another completed thirty hours above her masters. Three of our sixteen full time teachers are applying for National Board Certification this year. Mrs. Kristy Wood, a Pre-K teacher at Brunson Elementary School, was named school and district Teacher of the Year.

Brunson Elementary is a small, rural school, but there are many wonderful things taking place here.

Rose B. Mixson

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	90.0	100.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.0	94.4	
Satisfied with home-school relations	65.0	100.0	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Brunson Elementary  
PO Box 130  
Brunson, SC 29911

Grades PK-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 177 Students

#### Principal

Mrs. Rose Mixson 803-632-2531

#### Superintendent

Charles Harold Phillips 803-943-4576

#### Board Chair

Dr. Francis A. Mills 803-943-2191

## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001



School Grade:  
Average

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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